

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
MARTINSBURG

**JUDITH D. WARD,**

Petitioner,

v.

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:08-CV-86  
CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 3:07-CR-30  
(BAILEY)**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

Respondent.

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
THAT § 2255 BE DENIED**

On this day, the above-styled matter came before the Court for consideration of the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge James E. Seibert. On June 12, 2008, this action was referred to Magistrate Judge Seibert for submission of a proposed report and a recommendation ("R & R"). Magistrate Judge Seibert filed his R & R on January 2, 2009 [Crim. Doc. 65/ Civ. Doc. 6]. In that filing, the magistrate judge recommended that this Court deny the petitioner's application under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 [Crim. Doc. 65/ Civ. Doc. 6] because the petitioner knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waived the right to collaterally attack the conviction.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 (b) (1) (c), this Court is required to make a *de novo* review of those portions of the magistrate judge's findings to which objection is made. However, the Court is not required to review, under a *de novo* or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the findings or recommendation to which no objections are addressed. ***Thomas v. Arn***, 474 U.S. 140,

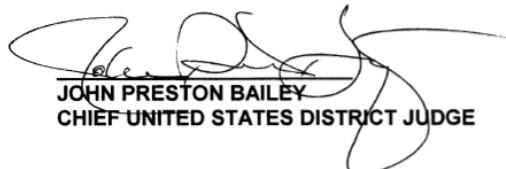
150 (1985). In addition, failure to file timely objections constitutes a waiver of *de novo* review and the petitioner's right to appeal this Court's Order. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); ***Snyder v. Ridenour***, 889 F.2d 1363, 1366 (4th Cir. 1989); ***United States v. Schronce***, 727 F.2d 91, 94 (4th Cir. 1984). Objections to Magistrate Judge Seibert's R & R were due within ten (10) days of being served with a copy, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Fed.R.Civ.P. 72(b). The docket reflects that the defendant received the R & R on January 8, 2008. [Crim. Doc. 66] Neither party filed objections to the R & R. Accordingly, this Court will review the report and recommendation for clear error.

Upon careful review of the report and recommendation, it is the opinion of this Court that the magistrate judge's **Report and Recommendation [Crim. Doc. 65 / Civ. Doc. 6]** should be, and is, hereby **ORDERED ADOPTED** for the reasons more fully stated in the magistrate judge's report. Accordingly, the Court hereby **DENIES** the petitioner's application under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 **[Crim. Doc. 65 / Civ. Doc. 6]**, and **DISMISSES** it with **prejudice**.

It is so **ORDERED**.

The Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Order to all counsel of record and to mail a true copy to the *pro se* petitioner.

**DATED:** February 2, 2009



JOHN PRESTON BAILEY  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE